SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR MAINTAINING SECURITY

IN A DISTRIBUTED COMPUTER NETWORK

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

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A system and method for maintaining security in a distributed
computing environment comprises a policy manager located on a server
for managing and distributing a security policy, and an application guard
located on a client for managing access to securable components as
10 specified by the security policy. In the preferred embodiment, a global
policy specifies access privileges of the user to securable components.
The policy manager may then preferably distribute a local client policy
based on the global policy to the client. An application guard located on
the client then manages access to the securable components as specified
15 by the local policy.